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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i25)

In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

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Filed: October 12, 2001

For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (one month) and requisite fee are attached herewith.